

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
CAPEHART THREE-FAMILY HOME
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 6008)
Off Maine Road, Northwest of the Massachusetts Intersection
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-DI

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: Off Maine Road, Northwest of the Massachusetts Intersection,
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UTM: 18.622060.4948800
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1959

Architect: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: Buildings No. 6008 and 6010 are identical, and these two triplex homes provided 4,164-square-feet of two and four-bedroom Company Grade Officer housing.

Project Information: Building No. 6008 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Capehart Three-Family Home (Building No. 6008)

Layout

Building No. 6008 is a 4,164 square-foot, two-story, wood-frame building with a low-pitched, side-gabled roof that has two small gables on the rear and front elevations. The first story's facades are partially clad in brick, while the remainder is clad in vinyl siding. The building has a modified H-shaped plan. The front façade has two equally spaced, attached two-stall garages, also clad in vinyl siding. Entrances to the individual units flank either side of the garages. The entrances have shed roofs with contemporary pediment features. The rear entrance porches also have shed roofs. Adjacent to the rear entrances are privacy fences that extend out from and are perpendicular to the rear façade. The buildings have groups of three casement windows with the appearance of 8 lights per window and eight-over-eight, double-hung windows. The interior of the building was not inspected.

Alterations/Additions

Building No. 6008 has been extensively remodeled, circa 1990. Vinyl siding, replacement windows and porches off the front and rear façades were added at that time.

Function

Building No. 6008 provided housing facilities for Company Grade Officers and their families.

Significance

The newly established Air Force (established in 1947) embarked upon an expansive Cold War building program to make the Strategic Air Command (SAC) operable. Air Force bases designated specifically for SAC were identified (or newly constructed) and became the critical instrument in SAC's mission of posing a significant deterrent to enemy aggression. Specially designed facilities were constructed at each of these installations, among the more identifiable of which would be the Capehart Three-Family Home. Typical of that building type, Building No. 6008 provided comfortable housing for a specific segment of the military population and their families, all within close proximity to the base operational areas, where that population could go into action at a moment's notice. Toward that end, Building No. 6008 played an important part in the Plattsburgh AFB Cold-War mission.

Drawings

Copies of as-built drawings for Capehart Three-Family Home, Building No. 6008, are archived at:

Air Force Historical Research Agency/ISA
600 Chennault Circle
Maxwell Air Force Base, AL 36112-6424

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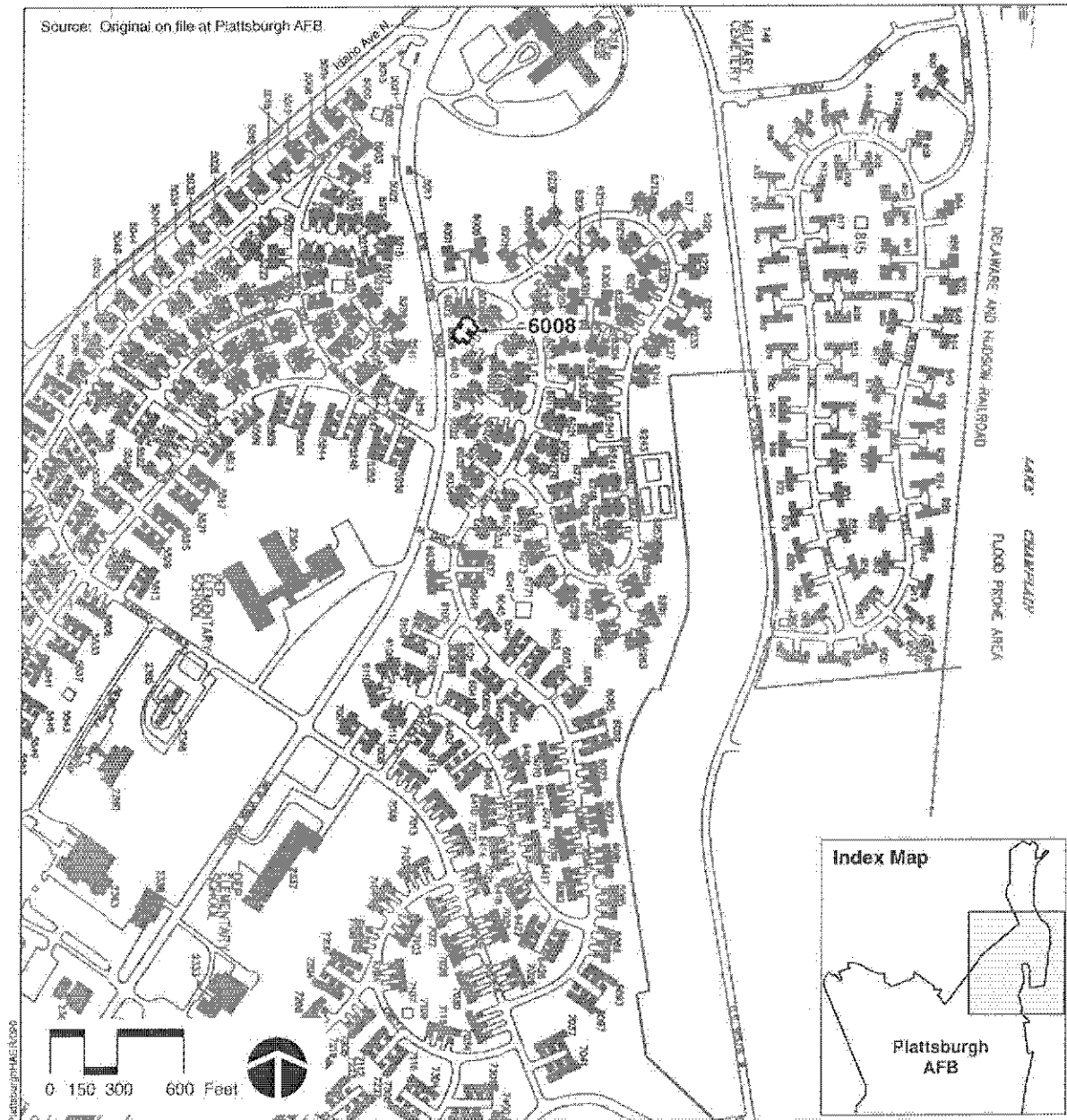
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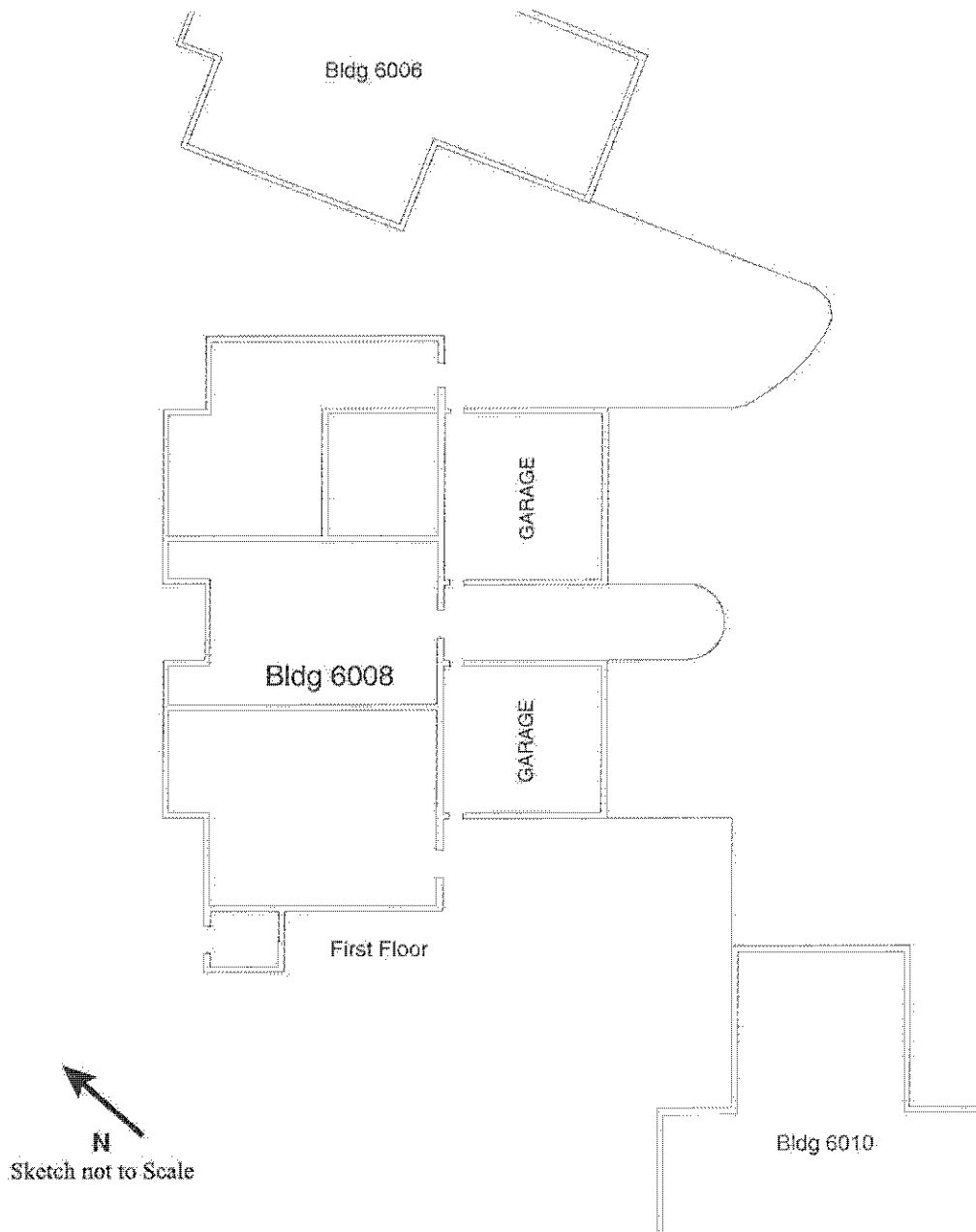
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SKETCH PLAN — CAPEHART THREE-FAMILY HOME
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 6008)
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